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## Report finds failures in UAF sexual assault cases

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**JUNEAU** — An independent report found broad, systemic failures at the University of Alaska Fairbanks led to the mishandling of sexual assault cases that allowed perpetrators to stay on campus against established school policy and federal law. The report made pub-

lic Friday seeks to find answers for what went wrong between the years of 2011 and 2014, when the campus allowed five perpetrators of sexual assault and rape to stay on campus when they should have been suspended or expelled.

The report is part of an ongoing review of campus policies and implementation of the federal Title IX laws. It found failures

from top to bottom during that time period but noted UAF is making significant strides toward improvement.

“UAF’s failures can be attributed to multiple factors, including the lack of an informed and capable staff for a period of time, insufficient allocation of resources to student discipline and Title IX compliance, a lack of oversight by UAF administration, a

lack of early guidance and oversight at the statewide level, and UAF’s tendency to handle matters internally,” said the report authored by Anchorage attorney Jeff Feldmen.

The report didn’t assign blame to any one individual, but said the failures were structural.

“These were organizational — institutional and systemic — failures. But they were not the result of

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an intentional disregard of legal requirements,” it said.

While it didn’t name names directly, the report puts into question the role of the UAF dean of students. According to the report, Donald Foley served in that position for a portion of the time during the years in question. It notes Foley declined to be

interviewed for the report. He retired in May 2015.

In a section that doesn’t name Foley, the report is critical of the dean of students’ “discipline philosophy” that focused on victim safety but not discipline.

“The discipline philosophy of the dean of students focused on ensuring victim safety and rehabilitation. Once victim safety was

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### GOOD MORNING



#### The weather.

Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly sunny. Northeast winds to 10 mph.

High today .....58  
Low tonight .....34

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#### Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be low. Weather permitting, low-level displays will be visible overhead from Barrow to Fairbanks.

This information is provided by aurora forecasters at the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. For more information about the aurora, visit <http://www.gialaska.edu/AuroraForecast>

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### NEW PRINCIPAL

Sarah Gillam named West Valley High School principal.

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### ROLLING START

Ice Dogs win first-round playoff series.

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#### SOURDOUGH JACK:

“My outdoor show is looking out my back window.”



### OUTDOOR SHOW



Wil Gardner, 11, and his dad Nick Gardner look at a multi-utility vehicle during the Fairbanks Outdoor Show at the Carlson Center on Friday. The Outdoor Show is going on from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for people older than 12. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER



People walk through the Fairbanks Outdoor Show at the Carlson Center on Friday.



Story Greenwood, 3, and her brother Toby Greenwood, 18 months, enjoy suckers during the Fairbanks Outdoor Show. They were there with their mother Mitzi Greenwood.

## Delta man sentenced for two arsons

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An 18-year-old Delta Junction man pleaded guilty Friday afternoon to the 2014 arson of two properties, his neighbor’s home and the Clearwater Lodge.

Under the terms of a plea agreement, Vasilyi

Bill Malyk was given a 2½-year jail term, with an additional 5½ years of suspended jail time he could face

Malyk

if he breaks more laws or violates court orders during five years of probation. Malyk could be released from Fairbanks Correctional Center as early as this weekend, depending on how the jail calculates his “good time” credit for following jail rules.

Spectators in the courtroom listened with concern to news of Malyk’s release and anticipated return to Delta Junction. More than 60 people came to the hearing in Fairbanks, and another audience gathered in the Delta Junction courthouse to listen to an audio broadcast of the hearing.

“All of these people will be watching you,” said Superior Court Judge Jane Kauvar as she handed down the sentence. “Your opportunity to make it up to them is to have them watch you be productive and law abiding.”

Malyk was has been in jail since his arrest in August 2014. He stole liquor from and then burned down the Clearwater Lodge on May 15, then burglarized and burned down the home of a neighbor on Aug. 17, according to the case against him.

Clearwater Lodge is a bar and restaurant that overlooks the Clearwater River outside Delta Junction.

Malyk apologized at the hearing.

“I have been changed, I am rehabilitated. But of course actions speak louder than words and I’ll prove to the public that I am,” he said.

His attorney, Jennifer Hite, said the victims didn’t understand him when they described him as

## Legislature passes bill addressing alcohol issues

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“Senate Bill 165 reduces the penalty for the charge of minor consuming alcohol and updates the membership requirements for the Alcoholic Beverage Control board.”

**JUNEAU** — It looked like a bill to update Alaska’s alcohol laws was dead after it got wrapped up in an early morning standoff between the House and Senate, but it returned to life on Friday and was passed by the Legislature.

Senate Bill 165 by Sen. Peter Micciche, R-Soldotna, reduces the penalty for the charge of minor consuming alcohol and updates the membership requirements for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and, as part of that standoff, now also updates the

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers.

The House inserted the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers late on Sunday, the 90th day of the session, after the Senate slipped in an unwanted rider to the House Board of Barbers and Hairdressers bill earlier in the day.

It was a fight Micciche wasn’t involved in, but he urged the Senate to reject the whole thing out of concern the bill

could be struck down if challenged in the courts.

Micciche had a legal memo saying just that. It explained that the link between alcohol and marijuana to an occupational licensing board was “tenuous” and could be struck down under the Alaska Constitution’s requirement that all bills have a single subject.

The bill could have been sent to a conference committee to negotiate the differences, the key

provisions could have been slipped into one of the few remaining bills or the House could have given up on its changes, but all of those were unlikely.

That’s where the rest of the memo was important. While it said the bill may violate the single-subject rule, it also noted the courts have played loose with that rule.

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